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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Police
4 Chief Michael O'Connell of Tinley Park; and

5 WHEREAS, He was a graduate of the FBI National Academy and
6 Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command; he
7 also held a master's degree in criminal justice from Lewis
8 University; and

9 WHEREAS, He had a long and distinguished career in law
10 enforcement; he began his career in 1972 as a patrol officer
11 with the Riverdale Police Department, and he served as police
12 chief of the Riverdale Police Department for 6 years; in 1995,
13 he was appointed to serve as police chief of the Village of
14 Tinley Park, where he served until his passing; and

15 WHEREAS, He taught criminal justice courses at South
16 Suburban College for several years; and

17 WHEREAS, He was active on numerous Illinois Association of
18 Chiefs of Police committees, including those that focus on
19 domestic terrorism and homeland security; he also served on the
20 Executive Board of the South Suburban Association of Chiefs of
21 Police; and

1 WHEREAS, He was widely respected and influential
2 throughout the Illinois law enforcement community; he was the
3 recipient of the 2005 "Police Chief of the Year" award from the
4 Illinois State Crime Commission for his work; and

5 WHEREAS, Michael O'Connell is survived by his wife, Barb;
6 his daughter, Colleen, and his son-in-law, Nick Palmer; his
7 son, Michael, his daughter-in-law, Liz, and their children,
8 Emma and Patrick; and his daughter, Michelle, his son-in-law,
9 Paul Anichini, and their children, Joslyn and Alyson;
10 therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
12 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
13 we mourn, along with his family and friends, the passing of
14 Michael O'Connell; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
16 presented to the family of Police Chief Michael O'Connell as a
17 symbol of our sincere sympathy.